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Attention: Examiner Barnes, Crystal J.
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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RE: Patent Application No. 10/069, 369

Dear Madam,

Further to my voice message I left on your phone today, I want to confirm that I have prepared my response to the final office action dated May 5, 2004. Since this is final office action, I was wondering if I could first fax my response to you at 703-872-9306 and ask for your comments before I send it to the Commissioner.

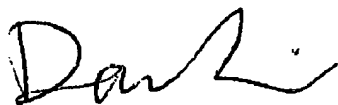
Section 608.01 (q) of MPEP says:

"(a) If the number or nature of the amendments or the legibility of the application papers renders it difficult to consider the application, or to arrange the papers for printing or copying, the Office may require the entire specification, including the claims, or any part thereof, be rewritten."

In order to comply with the requirements in the Office Action (e.g., remove new matters, add drawings, follow the suggested specification layout, etc), I have to re-write the specification and submit a substitute specification. You asked me to send you a version with markings to show changes made. Do I have to send you my old specification and cross all the paragraphs in it?

As you know, I am unfamiliar with patent prosecution. I am a little scared since this office action is final. Your further help will be very much appreciated and I will follow your guidance so as to avoid further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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